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DERIVATIZED VERSIONS OF LIGASE ENZYMES FOR CONSTRUCTING DNA SEQUENCES the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto \underline{X} was filed on $\underline{11/21/2003}$ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/718,856 and was amended on (if applicable). I (We) hereby state that I (we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I (We) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. I (We) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35, U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application(s) **Priority Not Claimed** (Foreign Filing Date) (Application Number) (Country) I (We) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: 60/428,581 11/22/02

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